

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office communication mailed on March 17, 2009. Claims 1–33 are pending in this application. Claims 22–33 are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being directed toward a non-elected invention. The specification is amended herein to provide sequence identifiers for all nucleotide sequences in excess of ten nucleotides in length in the application, claims 13, 14, 29 and 30 are amended herein to provide sequence identifiers for the nucleotide sequences recited in these claims, and claim 33 is amended herein to correct an inadvertent error in the dependency of this claim. No new matter has been added by these amendments. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the application complies with the sequence rules as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821–1.825, and that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, which action is earnestly requested.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

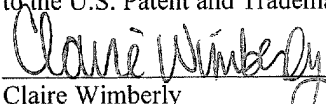


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